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SUBJECT: FONMIN INDICATES GOG DESIRE TO REDUCE TENSION

SUMMARY: FONMIN WILLS TELEPHONED CHARGE TO MENTION GUYANA
ABSTENTIONS ON VOTE AT UNESCO CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI RE
ISRAELI ARAB TERRITORIES AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS
RESOLUTIONS AND TO ADMIT GOG NO LONGER BELIEVES USG HAS
CONTROL OVER CUBAN EXILE ORGANIZATIONS. FONMIN HOPES
DEPARTMENT WILL RECOGNIZE GOG ATTEMPTS TO AMELIORATE
STRAINED RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. FONMIN WILLS TELEPHONED CHARGE LATE YESTERDAY
AFTERNOON (NOVEMBER 18) TO INFORM HIM OF GOG POSITION
ON UNESCO RESOLUTION OF NOVEMBER 18 REGARDING ISRAELI-
OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES. WILLS
SAID THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVE WAS INSTRUCTED TO
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ABSTAIN ON THIS ISSUE AND HOPED U.S. WOULD TAKE

NOTICE OF GOG POSITION. HE STATED GUYANA COULD NOT MAKE A COMPLETE REVERSAL OF THEIR POSITION BUT THE "MAN" (UNDOUBTEDLY BURNHAM) AUTHORIZED THE ABSTENTION.

2. WILLS CONTINUED THAT GOG HAD COME TO REALIZE THAT IT IS THE CUBAN EXILE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE TRYING TO DESTABILIZE GUYANA. CHARGE INTERJECTED THAT UP TO NOW HE ASSUMED ANY REFERENCES TO DESTABILIZATION IN THE PRESS AND IN PUBLIC SPEECHES BY GOG OFFICIALS WERE DIRECTED AT THE U.S. WILLS AGREED AND COUNTERED THAT SOME OFFICIALS IN THE DEPARTMENT WERE CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH DESTABILIZATION OF CHILE AND OPPOSED TO GUYANA. HE WAS WILLING TO ADMIT, HOWEVER, THAT THREAT WAS NOT FROM THE U.S. NOR DID HE BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. WAS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN ANY CAMPAIGN TO DESTABILIZE GUYANA.

3. WILLS CONTINUED THAT QUOTE WE RECOGNIZE NOW THAT THE USG CANNOT CONTROL CUBAN EXILE GROUPS SINCE FOR THE MOST PART THEY ARE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE U.S. IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND VENEZUELA WHICH DOESN'T MAKE PEREZ LOOK GOOD UNQUOTE. CHARGE THEN STATED THAT WILLS WAS AWARE THAT USG ACTIVELY PROSECUTED THOSE CUBAN EXILES AND EXILE ORGANIZATIONS WHO PLANNED AND/OR COMMITTED TERRORIST ACTS IN OR FROM THE U.S. CHARGE WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT GOG FINALLY UNDERSTOOD THE DIFFICULTIES OF CONTROLLING THE ACTIVITIES OF A MINISCULE NUMBER OF CRIMINALS AMONG 500,000 DECENT, LAW-ABIDING PEOPLE. WILLS SAID HE DID UNDERSTAND AND POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT ORLANDO BOSCH WAS TRYING TO BE ANOTHER ARAFAT. WILLS EXPLAINED THAT GUYANA WAS IN SIMILAR POSITION AS U.S., I.E. GUYANA WAS FRIENDLY TO CUBA SO SHE WAS A TARGET OF THE CUBAN EXILES, THE U.S. SUPPORTED ISRAEL AND THEREFORE WAS ATTACKED BY THE PLO.

4. WILLS CONTINUED THAT HE QUOTE HOPED WASHINGTON
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WOULD TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE SITUATION AND ACCEPT THAT WE WANTED TO GET AWAY FROM THIS PEAK POSITION UNQUOTE. CHARGE REPLIED HE WOULD REPORT THIS CONVERSATION TO THE DEPARTMENT.

5. CHARGE CONTACTED MFA ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY SEARWAR ON NOVEMBER 19 TO CLARIFY GOG POSITION AT UNESCO GC ON SUBJECT OF RESOLUTIONS

ON ISRAELI-OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND
ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS. SEARWAR CLAIMED
MFA HAD INSTRUCTED THEIR REPRESENTATIVE TO ABSTAIN
ON RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL
EXCAVATIONS AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND TO ALSO
ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION SCHEDULED FOR TODAY
PERTAINING TO THE ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.
SEARWAR WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER THE GUYANESE
DELEGATE ACTUALLY ABSTAINED OR WAS ABSENT WHEN
THE VOTES WERE TAKEN SINCE THEY WERE HAVING DIFFI-
CULTY COMMUNICATING WITH THEIR DELEGATION.
SEARWAR REITERATED THOUGH THE GOG POSITION IS NOT
TO SUPPORT THESE RESOLUTION BUT TO ABSTAIN.

6. COMMENT: DURING CONVERSATION WILLS
CONTINUALLY USED TERM "WE" ESPECIALLY WHEN ADMITTING
U.S. DID NOT HAVE CONTROL OVER CUBAN EXILES.
CHARGE BELIEVES BY THIS USE OF PLURAL CASE PRONOUN
WILLS MAY BE PASSING ON MESSAGE WITH APPROVAL OF
PRIME MINISTER. HERETOFORE IN OUR DISCUSSIONS
WILLS ALWAYS SPOKE IN FIRST PERSON.
IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT
HIGH LEVEL GOG OFFICIAL HAS NOW ADMITTED THEY HAVE
SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT U.S. INVOLVEMENT WITH CUBAN
EXILE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. FROM THIS
CONVERSATION IT APPEARS THEY MAY BE SIGNALLING A
CHANGE IN POSITION. FOR THE PAST WEEK THE GOG-
CONTROLLED PRESS HAS BEEN VERY QUIET WITH LITTLE
OR NO POLEMICS. THEIR REPORTING ON THE CRASH
INQUIRY IN BRIDGETOWN HAS BEEN LIMITED STRICTLY
TO CANA DISPATCHES INCLUDING CUBAN CHARGES AND
U.S. REBUTTALS. THERE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NO
REPORTING ON THE VENEZUELAN INDICTMENTS OF LUGO
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AND LOZANO. GOG POSITION ON THE RESOLUTIONS
INVOLVING ISRAEL AT THE UNESCO CONFERENCE ALSO
INDICATES SOME SHIFT SINCE PRESUMTLY THEY HAVE
NOT GONE ALONG WITH ARAB AND THIRD WORLD
COLLEAGUES IN THE LATER RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING
ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES AND
ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS CARRIED OUT WITHIN
THESE AREAS.
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